

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Cynthia Soumoff on 3-22-10.

Claim 22 has been canceled.

The title has been changed to --METHOD FOR ENCAPSULATING POLLUTANTS FROM WATER USING MODIFIED DENDRIMERIC POLYMERS--.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Balogh et al and Chromecek are considered the closest prior art, however, the references fail to teach or suggest a method of encapsulating pollutants including the steps of modifying the dendrimers having the formulas I and II, and introducing the modified dendrimeric polymers into a solution containing the pollutants wherein the pollutants are encapsulated in nanocavities of the modified dendrimers as recited in instant claim 13.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew O. Savage whose telephone number is (571) 272-1146. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:00am-3:30pm.

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